

Upcoming Schedule

January 4th
 Vocational Guest Speaker- Stephanie Accardo Moore

January 18th
 Passing of the torch

January 25th
 Guest Speaker- Caileen Gonzalez-Tiny to Tall Tutors
 Rotary Moment - Stephanie Accardo

February 1st
 Guest Speaker- Tatiana M Arguello - Executive Director Nonprofit Staten Island

February 9th(Friday)
 Diane's Final Hurrah/Retirement Soiree - Hilton

February 15th
 Valentine's Dinner and Wine Tasting(Dennis has arranged great entertainment, don't miss it!)

February 22nd
 Guest Speaker- Joe Pessolano CPR class
 Rotary Moment - Christine Dehart

February 29th
 Guest Speaker - Surprise speaker
 Rotary Moment - Alex Ziselman

Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!



Message from the President

"Whatever you choose to do, leave tracks. That means don't do it just for yourself. You will want to leave the world a little better for your having lived."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I am beyond excited to take on my new leadership role as your President. I am looking forward to embarking on new projects and growing our amazing club.

**Yours in Rotary,
 Suzanne Demetrio**



January Birthdays

Dennis Surmanek - 1/1/1982
 Paul Giarletta - 1/26/1962

January Rotary Anniversaries

Herb Applebaum - 1/1/1973
 Regina Boukhvalova- 1/10/2012
 Michael D'Angelo - 1/1/1984
 Dennis Surmanek - 1/10/2012

Rotary partnership with the United Nations puts the focus on waterways

IA new collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme empowers Rotary members to clean up, protect, and monitor their local waterways. The strategic partnership aligns with both the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and Rotary's environment area of focus.

The partnership "brings together Rotary's community-based solutions and UNEP's technical expertise," RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick said when announcing the partnership on 10 January. She spoke at Rotary's International Assembly, the organization's gathering of incoming district governors.

At the center of the partnership is a program enabling Rotary and Rotaract clubs to make commitments to the health of their own nearby waterways. Called Community Action for Fresh Water, the program will encourage clubs to organize river cleanup days, raise awareness in their communities about the importance of healthy waterways, conduct basic water quality tests, and report their findings.

These locally based activities are crucial to protecting the environment on a global scale, says Rafael Peralta, regional director and representative for the UNEP's office for North America.

"The protection, management, and restoration of freshwater ecosystems is fundamental to combating the triple planetary crises: the crisis of climate change, the crisis of biodiversity loss, and the crisis of pollution and waste," Peralta said at the announcement ceremony. "As populations develop and economies expand, so too does the demand for fresh water. This puts freshwater ecosystems under increasing pressure."

This partnership builds on a pilot program, Adopt a River for Sustainable Development, begun in 2020 by UNEP and Rotary District 9212 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan). In addition, Rotary and Rotaract clubs around the world have often worked independently to clean up freshwater ecosystems.

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